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ABSTRACT

This book describes Boysville's 5-year effort to design, implement, and evaluate an agency-based computerized management information, program evaluation, and clinical decision-making system, BOMIS (Boysville Management Information System). The goal of BOMIS is the integration of the four intervention programs, through the collection, analysis, interpretation, and feedback of information relevant to practitioners' decision-making needs at all levels and in all parts of the agency. Chapters in the book are: (1) "Introduction: The Need for a New Model of Information Utilization in Human Service Agencies" (Grasso and Epstein); (2) "Theoretical Requirements for Successful Integration of Information Technology in Human Service Agencies (Grasso and Epstein); (3) "BOMIS: A Management Information System for Children and Youth Service Providers" (Kapp and Grasso); (4) "The Use of an Agency-Based Information System in Structural Family Therapy Treatment" (Mooradian and Grasso); (5) "Principles for Using Management Information Data for Programmatic Decision Making" (Freel and Epstein); (6) "Clinical Assessment and Program Evaluation in the Boysville Pastoral Ministry Program" (Hausmann and Epstein); (7) "Management Information Systems and External Policy Advocacy: The Boysville Length of Stay Study" (Overstreet and others); (8) "Client Characteristics, Family Contacts, and Treatment Outcomes (Savas and others); (9) "Youth and Family Characteristics, Treatment Histories, and Service Outcomes: Some Preliminary Findings from the Boysville Research Program (Whitaker and others); and (10) "Monitoring Family System Functioning, Family, and Adolescent Coping in the Context of Residential Treatment: Implications for Program Management, Practice Innovation, and Research (McCubbin and others). Each article Contains references. (HTH)